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Subject: Coutts Update

Good Morning,

At 1103 I received a call from Curtis to provide an update on the situation at the border.

- The highway remains blocked, discussions with protestors are having positive results.
- All tow truck companies and wreck removal companies the RCMP have been working with have refused to provide assistance to the police in this event.
- Some have indicated that they are being paid to NOT assist police.
- RCMP are in discussions with oilfield companies in the region to seek equipment that might be able to move the rigs.
- They are also reaching out to US officials to seek equipment from the USA that might be able to assist.
- They are considering what military assistance may be available if requested to support the physical movement of the rigs.
- They will also be reaching out to further away companies to get these sorts of resources in place.
- In the interim, they are briefing their on-site commanders in relation to commencing the enforcement action in relation to the persons, even absent a current capacity to move the vehicles.
- They are going to focus first on leadership, in the hopes of seeing others become more cooperative once arrests and charges begin.
- Sheriff resources continue to assist RCMP in ensuring the remaining border crossings remain open.
- They will be prepared to update on the status of discussions with CBSA and US Border Services on extended hours for those two crossings, as well as the modification to restrictions on commercial traffic on the Del Bonita crossing at the 1330 briefing.

The RCMP indicate that they will be prepared to brief the Premier at 1330. D/Commr. Zablocki, A/Commr. Ferguson and C/Supt. Tewfik will be on the call for the RCMP. They will speak to the legal framework they are contemplating in relation to sanctions against the protestors, in addition to the logistics of the operation and current status at that time.

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